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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON EXPECTS TO VISIT
-- LUANDA IN JULY

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1. DURING A ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR CONVERSATION JUNE 20
BETWEEN CHARGE AND EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT CLAUDE
CHEYSSON (SEPTELS), CHEYSSON SAID, CONFIDENTIALLY, THAT
HE EXPECTS TO GO TO LUANDA IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS FOR
TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NETO. THIS VISIT, STILL TO BE CON-
FIRMED, ARISES FROM THE ANGOLAN PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TEN
DAYS AGO TO SEE THE EC COMMISSIONER "AT AN EARLY DATE".
WHILE CHEYSSON ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER FOR THE
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VISIT, NETO ASKED THAT IT TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE OAU
SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM.

2. CHEYSSON TOLD CHARGE HE IS PERPLEXED ABOUT THE MOTIVE
BEHIND THE NETO INVITATION, BUT BELIEVES IT COULD RELATE
TO A RECENT "DECISION" BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE TO
JOIN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RENEWAL OF THE LOME CONVEN-

TION (REFTEL). SINCE, ACCORDING TO CHEYSSON, THE GOM'S PARTICIPATION IN LOME II IS VIRTUALLY ASSURED, PERHAPS NETO WISHES TO RAISE A POSSIBLE ANGOLAN CANDIDACY FOR LOME MEMBERSHIP WITH THE COMMISSIONER. ANOTHER REASON FOR THE INVITATION, CHEYSSON SPECULATED, MAY BE THAT NETO WISHES TO MAKE TO CHEYSSON (AND TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD) THE CASE THAT HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIGGERING THE SHABA II INVASION.

2. CHARGE COMMENTED THAT THE USG IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING ANGOLA; CHEYSSON PROMISED TO DEBRIEF THE MISSION ON HIS LUANDA TRIP, ASSUMING IT TAKES PLACE ACCORDING TO PLAN. MORRIS

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